


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	23-453	Meeting:	October 23, 2023
	Agenda Item:	12	Roll Call:	23-1410
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AGENDA HEADING:

Approving Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Felsburg Holt & Ullevig, Inc. for professional services for the SW 9th Street Traffic Study, for an amount not to exceed \$191,400.

SYNOPSIS:

Approving the PSA with Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig, Inc. (FHU, Inc.) for a total cost not to exceed \$191,400 based on hourly billing rates, to prepare a traffic engineering study of SW 9th Street from DART Way to McKinley Avenue to determine short-term and long-term street improvements to address safety for all modes of transportation, multi-modal traffic operations and flow, access control, and anticipated traffic changes based on the existing and future adjacent land development.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$191,400

Funding Source: 2023-2024 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Page 164, SW 9th Street Improvements – DART Way to McKinley, ST316, General Obligation Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- SW 9th Street is a major north-south connection between downtown and the south side of Des Moines. As such, it is one of the busiest corridors south of downtown. Based on the City's Vision Zero Transportation Safety Action Plan, SW 9th Street was identified as a High Injury Network corridor.
- This study will include an evaluation of roadway segments and intersections with regard to safety, capacity, and access management. The study will determine intersection configuration and cross-section needs using travel forecasts to help determine the appropriate lane configuration required along the corridor. The study will identify short-term and long-term street improvements to address safety for all modes of transportation, multi-modal traffic operations and flow, access control, and anticipated traffic changes based on the existing and future adjacent land development.
- This study will include the development of multiple cross-section concept plan alternatives with a final recommended concept for the entire corridor as well as estimated probable costs.

- This study will engage key stakeholders along the corridor, including Des Moines Area Rapid Transit (DART), Des Moines Public Schools (DMPS), Neighborhood Associations, Friends of SW 9th Street, and provide coordination with other stakeholders along the corridor as well. A public open house meeting will be conducted to present the study's findings and recommendations.
- A Request for Proposals (RFP) for professional services for the SW 9th Street from DART Way to McKinley Avenue Traffic Study was issued and posted on the City's website. A selection committee of Engineering Department staff reviewed and rated the five (5) proposals received in response to the RFP. FHU, Inc. was selected based upon the selection criteria in the RFP and their thorough project approach, understanding, and related project experience.
- City staff has negotiated a PSA with FHU, Inc. for a total cost not to exceed \$191,400, based on hourly rates, to prepare a traffic engineering study of SW 9th Street from DART Way to McKinley Avenue.
- Once given notice to proceed, this study will take approximately one (1) year to complete.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Additional anticipated actions for the project include professional services agreement for design of construction plans, ordering construction, public hearing, receive and file bids, designate lowest bidder, and approve contract and bond; also, partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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